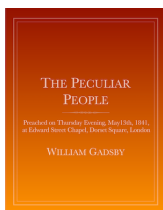


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(JEREMIAH 17:14)



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GOD'S GRACE IS ALL SUFFICIENT

"...HE SAID UNTO ME, MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR THEE: FOR MY STRENGTH IS MADE PERFECT IN WEAKNESS. MOST GLADLY THEREFORE WILL I RATHER GLORY IN MY INFIRMITIES, THAT THE POWER OF CHRIST MAY REST UPON ME."

(2 CORINTHIANS 12:9)

We will suppose that some opulent person makes the tour of Europe. If his money falls short, he comforts himself with reflecting, that he has a sufficient stock in bank, which he can draw out at any time by writing to his cashiers. This is just the case, spiritually, with God's people. They are travelers in a foreign land, remote from home. Their treasure is in heaven, and God himself is their banker. When their graces seem to be almost spent and exhausted, when the barrel of meal and the cruise of oil appear to be failing; they need but draw upon God by prayer and faith and humble waiting. The Holy Spirit will honour their bill at sight; and issue to them, from time to time, sufficient remittances to carry them to their journeys end.

AUGUSTUS TOPLADY (1740—1778)

“If you could hear Christ praying for me in the next room I would not fear a million enemies. Yet distance makes no difference. He is praying for me!” — **R.M. McCHEYNE**

GOD FAMISHING “GODS”

“...HE WILL FAMISH ALL THE GODS OF THE EARTH.” [ZEPHANIAH 2:11-15]

Vile religion is rampant in the earth. The followers of jiving, jumping, idiotic “preachers” are swept up in the euphoria of “Thank you, Jesus.” As the elect people of the sovereign Lord view all this, the stomach has a tendency to feel uneasy and want to throw off its contents.

How long, Oh Lord? Your holy Name is desecrated and profaned by the worshippers of the “gods” of the earth. We are assured that You will be terrible unto them and that You will famish them. God’s children long to see the day when “she becomes a desolation, a place for beasts to lie down in! everyone that passeth by her shall hiss, and wag his hand” (v. 15). It is not wrong to desire this for the glory of God’s great Name.

If truly His Name is above every name, then we must be jealous for His honor. “Hallelujah” will be shouted when He judges the great whore (REVELATION 19:1-2). We agree with His judgements, and thank His holy Name that we have a revelation of Him as He is.

PASTOR EMERITUS **JACK SHANKS** (1929 — 2012)

WE HAVE A STRONG CONSOLATION

“BY TWO IMMUTABLE THINGS, IN WHICH IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD TO LIE, WE MIGHT HAVE A STRONG CONSOLATION, WHO HAVE FLED FOR REFUGE TO LAY HOLD UPON THE HOPE SET BEFORE US”
(HEBREWS 6:18)

Beloved believing sinner, our God’s love is immutable. His counsel is immutable. His promise is immutable, for it is impossible for Him to lie. And He has promised *“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out”* (JOHN 6:37). That is to say this believing sinner; you who have fled for refuge in Christ, patiently endure—wait on the LORD and *HE SHALL SAVE THEE*. He has promised and He will also do it. Our Lord declares *“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.”* (JOHN 6:47) Beloved, wait on the sure and steadfast immutability of His counsel and oath. Indeed wait on our sure and steadfast Lord Jesus—for He shall save His people from their sins. Amen.

PASTOR

DEAF TO THE VOICE OF THE GOSPEL

“SEE THAT YE REFUSE NOT HIM THAT SPEAKETH. FOR IF THEY ESCAPED NOT WHO REFUSED HIM THAT SPAKE ON EARTH, MUCH MORE SHALL NOT WE ESCAPE, IF WE TURN AWAY FROM HIM THAT SPEAKETH FROM HEAVEN”

(HEBREWS 12:25)

It is a well known fact that many kinds of serpents can be tamed by the power of music. This is referred to in Ecclesiastes 10:11, and Jeremiah 8:17. Many travelers in Egypt and India have seen this. But there is said to be one kind of serpent which is either deaf, so that it can not hear the music, or it has the power of making itself deaf for the time, so that it is not charmed. So it is with unconverted men.

Christ is the great charmer. His voice is like the sound of many waters. Never man spake like this man. When Andrew and Peter heard it, they left all and followed him; so did James, and John, and Matthew. When the bride hears him, she cries, The voice of my beloved! When the sheep hear his voice, they follow him; when the dead hear his voice, they live; when the heavy laden hear it, they find rest.

But unconverted men will not hear. They are like Manasseh; they will not hearken; they are like the Jews when Stephen preached, they stopped their ears and ran. [2 KINGS 21:9, ACTS 7]

Ah, how many of you are doing this very thing, stopping your ears? How many of you stop your ears with the noise of the world, its business and care; some with a favorite lust? The voice of the great charmer has been often heard in this place, and some have heard it and followed him; and why are you left behind?

Learn—1st, The folly of this. He is charming you to bless you, to bring you to peace, pardon, holiness. *There is no other name given among men whereby you can be saved.* [ACTS 4:12]

Learn—2nd, The guilt of this. It is the highest sin of all, to refuse him that speaketh from heaven [HEBREWS 12:25]. It is put last here. It is unpardonable. All manner of sin and blasphemy may be forgiven to you, but if you will not hear the voice of Christ you must perish. Christ is knocking at your door and saying, *If any man hear my voice I will come in* [REVELATION 3:20]. Oh, think of the guilt of letting the Son of God stand at your door? Some would fain lay the blame off themselves, but God washes himself clear of the unbeliever's guilt. It is you that stop your ear; ye do always resist the Holy Ghost. [The deaf] will one day find that he that *believeth not* shall be damned.

PASTOR **R. MCCHEYNE** (1813—1843)